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UPDATE: PROJECT CEASEFIRE

KC FELON PLEADS GUILTY TO FEDERAL FIREARMS VIOLATION

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City man pleaded guilty in federal court today to being a felon in possession of a firearm. The guilty plea marks additional progress under Project Ceasefire, the district's ongoing anti-crime initiative.

Kenneth M. Williams, 27, of Kansas City, Mo., pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey this morning to being a felon in possession of a firearm.

By pleading guilty, **Williams** admitted that he was in possession of a Glock firearm on Nov. 4, 2003. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Williams** was convicted of sale of a controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance in 1999. He also was convicted of trafficking drugs in 2000.

Williams was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury Nov. 21, 2003, in Kansas City.

This case was prosecuted by Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Stefan C. Hughes. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Project Ceasefire

Project Ceasefire, launched in October 1999, is a cooperative initiative by federal and local law enforcement and the Kansas City Crime Commission that targets for federal prosecution persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms.

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